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La Porte Police announces another Advanced Citizens Police Academy course

On Jan. 17, the La Porte Police Department will begin another Advanced Citizens Police Academy course, with graduation ceremonies slated for March 6.

The Advanced Class is open to all former graduates of the La Porte Police Department's Basic Citizens Police Academy. The Advanced Citizen Police Academy (ACPA) is a seven-week program designed to provide a more comprehensive knowledge of La Porte Police Department operations and continues to build close working relationships between police officers and community members. The seven-week academy is taught one evening a week with each class lasting three to four hours.

Subjects covered during the academy address various attributes of emergency operations such as First Responders of LPEMS and LPFD, Special Weapons and Tactics (S.W.A.T.), Gun Range practices, Life Flight, CPR, Emergency Operations Command, Skywarn System education, and DWI Procedures. Several of these classes also involve field trips with hands-on experience. Graduates of Advanced CPA classes have a direct avenue for community involvement and an opportunity to experience policing first hand.

In addition, each graduate receives a certificate of completion and the opportunity to join the La Porte Citizen Police Academy Alumni Association. The graduates also maintain eligibility to participate in the police department's citizen ride along program on a monthly basis.

CPA and Advanced CPA graduates find an abundance of rewarding volunteer opportunities through a series of community service projects and varying station house duties.

For questions concerning either of La Porte's Citizens Police Academies, please contact Officer Robyn Gallion at 281-842-3162 or log onto La Porte Police Department's website at www.ci.la-porte.us/gov/police/support/default.asp.